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Title of Invention: COMBINATIONS OF CROP PROTECTION AGENTS
WITH HYDROGEN BOND-FORMING POLYMERS

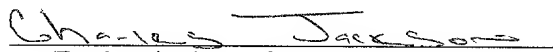
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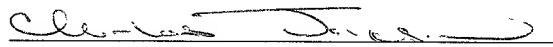
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11-14 as follows:

11. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 for suppressing antagonistic interactions during the application of agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

12. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 for increasing crop selectivity during the application of one or more agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

13. (Amended) A method for controlling harmful organisms, in particular harmful plants, which comprises applying a combination as claimed in claim 1.

14. (Amended) A process for preparing a combination as claimed in claim 1, which comprises combining the active compound by customary processes which are known per se, preferably by dissolving, stirring or mixing, with a suitable polymer, and introducing this combination into the formulation, if appropriate with other active compounds, adjuvants and additives.

Please add the following claims:

--15. A method for controlling harmful organisms, in particular harmful plants, which comprises applying a formulation as claimed in claim 9.

16. A process for preparing a formulation as claimed in claim 9, which comprises combining the active compound by customary processes which are known per se, preferably by dissolving, stirring or mixing, with a suitable polymer, and introducing this combination into the formulation, if appropriate with other active compounds, adjuvants and additives.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain in the application. Claims 15 and 16 have been added. Claims 11-14 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 11-14 by the current amendment. No new matter has been added. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”** The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

11. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 ~~or of a formulation as claimed in claim 9 or 10~~ for suppressing antagonistic interactions during the application of agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

12. (Amended) The use of a combination as claimed in claim 1 ~~or a formulation as claimed in claim 9 or 10~~ for increasing crop selectivity during the application of one or more agrochemically active compounds for controlling harmful plants.

13. (Amended) A method for controlling harmful organisms, in particular harmful plants, which comprises applying a combination as claimed in claim 1 ~~or a formulation as claimed in claim 9 or 10~~.

14. (Amended) A process for preparing a combination as claimed in claim 1 ~~or a formulation as claimed in claim 9 or 10~~, which comprises combining the active compound by customary processes which are known per se, preferably by dissolving, stirring or mixing, with a suitable polymer, and introducing this combination into the formulation, if appropriate with other active compounds, adjuvants and additives.